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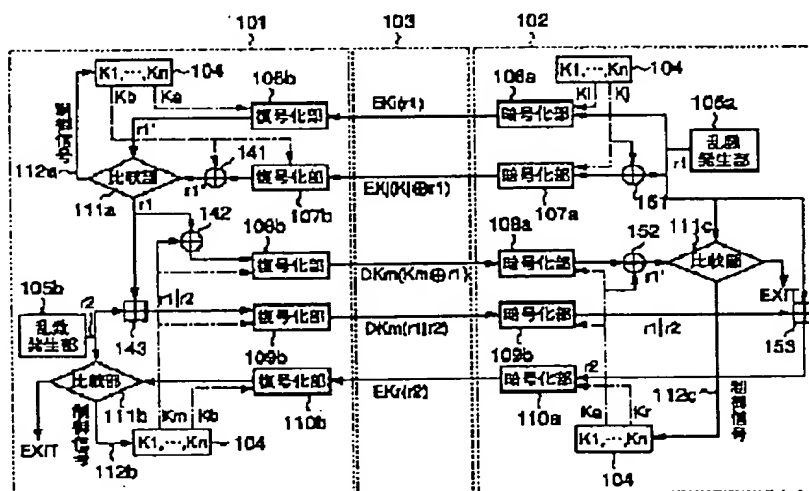| (30) Priority:	(71) Applicant: **TOSHIBA CORP**
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(57) Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To allow a system to authenticate securely and surely whether or not an opposite party is a valid device by making more difficult to estimate a secret key against a 3rd party's attack.

SOLUTION: The system is provided with a storage means that stores a bundle of a plurality of different private keys, a random number generating means 105a, encryption means 106a, 107a that uses a random number generated by a random number generating means or applies a prescribed arithmetic operation to the random number, uses any private key of the bundle for an encryption key to conduct encryption and to produce authentication information a communication means that sends the authentication information to a device of an authentication object, and a decoding means 108a that decodes return information received from the device of the authentication object by using the key bundle, and an authentication means 111c that compares decoding information $r1'$ decoded by the decoding means with a random number $r1$ and authenticates the device of the authentication object to be a legal device when the docoded information is based on the random number.